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OF INTERESTED COUNTRIES CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL FUND
FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD)

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1. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO ON JANUARY 19 RAISED SUGGESTION
OF HOLDING OECD/DAC CONSULTATION ON MORNING OF JANUARY 28
AND BEGINNING IFAD MEETING IN AFTERNOON (PARA 1, REF A) WITH
MINISTER TUINMAN, NETHERLANDS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO,
WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF OECD/DAC CONSULTATIVE GROUP IN ROME. PENDING
FURTHER INSTRUCTION U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DID NOT RAISE SUGGESTIONS
WITH WFC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HANNAH, BECAUSE OECD/DAC GROUP
HAD AGREED TO DECIDE ITSELF ON TIME AND PLACE OF ITS OWN
CONSULTATIONS, AND CONSULTATION ON TIMING OF IFAD MEETING WAS
CHANNELED BY DR. HANNAH THROUGH CHAIRMAN OF OECD/DAC GROUP
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2. TUINMAN SAYS RESCHEDULING AS PROPOSED WOULD BE EMBARRASSING AND DIFFICULT, AND REVIEWED REASONS FOR OECD/DAC GROUP DECISION OF JANUARY 14.

A) DR. HANNAH HAD ASKED TUINMAN TO INFORM OECD/DAC GROUP JANUARY 14 THAT WFC SECRETARIAT WISHED TO BEGIN MEETING NO LATER THAN MORNING OF JANUARY 28 IN ORDER TO GET ON WITH BUSINESS (U.S. REPRESENTATIVE CONFIRMED THIS JANUARY 19 DATE WITH ASSISTANT TO DR. HAHNAH) BUT COULD DEFER OPENING TO 11:00 A.M. TO PERMIT GROUP MEETING BEFOREHAND.
DR. HANNAH ASKED FOR OECD/DAC RESPONSE BY 10:30 A.M. JANUARY 14, SO THAT MESSAGE COULD BE SENT TO PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES.

B) OECD/DAC MEETING DECIDED THAT WFC PROPOSED OPENING TIME WAS ACCEPTABLE, AND SO INFORMED DR. HANNAH, WHO THEN SENT REVISED INVITATIONS TO GOVERNMENTS.

C) OECD/DAC MEETING DECIDED AT SAME TIME THERE WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT TIME ON MORNING OF JANUARY 28 IN ANY EVENT TO AFFECT NECESSARY COORDINATION. (IN ADDITION TO COMPLICATED ITEMS LISTED REF B, FURTHER ISSUES ON FAO-IFAD RELATIONS HAVE SINCE BEEN RAISED, AND AS REPORTED SEPARATELY FAO COUNCIL CHAIRMAN BULA HOYOS NOW PROPOSES TO RAISE THESE DIRECTLY WITH OECD/DAC GROUP ON JANUARY 22).

D) OECD/DAC GROUP THEN SET 2:30 P.M. JANUARY 27 FOR OPENING CONSULTATION. (ORIGINAL TIME SUGGESTED WAS MORNING OF JANUARY 27. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SUGGESTED AFTERNOON INSTEAD, SINCE U.S. DELEGATIONS ARRIVE DURING NOON PERIOD, WHICH WOULD PERMIT U.S. DELEGATES TO OPT TO FOREGO REST TO ADJUST TO CHANGE OF HOURS IF THEY WISHED TO SAVE TIME AND COME DIRECTLY TO MEETING. GERMAN DELEGATE SECONDED ON GROUNDS HIS DELEGATIONS USUALLY TAKE MORNING FLIGHTS, AND GROUP AGREED TO AFTERNOON MEETING.)

3. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE ALSO DISCUSSED SUGGESTED CHANGE JANUARY 19 WITH AUSTRALIAN, GERMAN, AND UNITED KINGDOM COLLEAGUES, AND ALL SAID THEIR DELEGATIONS ARE COMING ON PRESENT SCHEDULE AND WERE OF VIEW IT IS NOW UNDESIRABLE IF NOT IMPRACTICABLE TO CHANGE TIME OF OECD/DAC CONSULTATION AND OPENING OF IFAD
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MEETING.

4. SUGGESTIONS ON ORDER OF BUSINESS (PARA 2, REF A) WERE GIVEN TO WFC SECRETARIAT.VOLPE

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